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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “New Philadelphia, Illi-
3 nois, Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Frank McWorter, an enslaved man, bought
7 his freedom and the freedom of 15 family members
8 by mining for crude niter in Kentucky caves and
9 processing the mined material into saltpeter;

10 (2) New Philadelphia, founded in 1836 by
11 Frank McWorter, was the first town planned and le-
12 gally registered by a free African-American before
13 the Civil War;

14 (3) the first railroad constructed in the area of
15 New Philadelphia bypassed New Philadelphia, which
16 led to the decline of New Philadelphia; and

17 (4) the New Philadelphia site—

18 (A) is a registered National Historic Land-
19 mark;

20 (B) is covered by farmland; and

21 (C) does not contain any original buildings
22 of the town or the McWorter farm and home
23 that are visible above ground.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “Study Area”
4 means the New Philadelphia archeological site and
5 the surrounding land in the State of Illinois.

6 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special
8 resource study of the Study Area.

9 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
10 section (a), the Secretary shall—

11 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
12 Study Area;

13 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
14 designating the Study Area as a unit of the National
15 Park System;

16 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
17 protection, and interpretation of the Study Area
18 by—

19 (A) Federal, State, or local governmental
20 entities; or

21 (B) private and nonprofit organizations;

22 (4) consult with—

23 (A) interested Federal, State, or local gov-
24 ernmental entities;

25 (B) private and nonprofit organizations; or

1 (C) any other interested individuals;

2 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
3 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
4 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-
5 ered under paragraph (3);

6 (6) determine the effect of the designation of
7 the Study Area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
8 tem on—

9 (A) existing commercial and recreational
10 activities, including but not limited to hunting,
11 fishing, recreational shooting, and on the au-
12 thorization, construction, operation, mainte-
13 nance or improvement of energy production and
14 transmission infrastructure; and

15 (B) the effect of the authority of State and
16 local governments to manage those activities;
17 and

18 (7) identify any authorities, including con-
19 demnation, that will compel or permit the Secretary
20 to influence or participate in local land use decisions
21 (such as zoning) or place restrictions on nonfederal
22 land if the Study Area is designated a unit of the
23 National Park System.

1 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
3 tion 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
5 on which funds are first made available for the study
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
7 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
9 Resources of the Senate a report containing—
10 (1) the results of the study; and
11 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
12 Secretary.

Passed the House of Representatives April 28, 2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.